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Bush signs \$31 billion Homeland Security Bill

Gerry J. Gilmore

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — President George W. Bush signed legislation providing \$31 billion for Homeland Security purposes for fiscal 2004, Wednesday.

During a signing ceremony at the Department of Homeland Security headquarters here, the president noted the U.S. Congress-approved legislation “commits \$31 billion to securing our nation, over \$14 billion more than pre-Sept. 11 levels.”

The bill provides money “for the key responsibilities at the Department of

Homeland Security,” the president pointed out, such as \$5.6 billion earmarked for Project BioShield to develop methods to protect Americans against biological, chemical and radiological threats.

Additionally, \$4 billion goes to police, fire, medical and other emergency first responders nationwide, Bush noted. More than \$700 million of that money, he said, will be targeted for use in urban areas where it’s most needed.

The president said \$40 million is earmarked for volunteer groups that will work with local first responders to prepare for emergencies.

“We’re ensuring that America’s firefighters and police officers and emergency medical personnel have the best possible training and equipment and help they need to do their job,” Bush emphasized.

Money will also be provided to beef up security at the nation’s airports and along America’s borders, the president said. The bill, he continued, also provides the Coast Guard with “the resources to deploy additional maritime safety and security teams and patrol boats and the sea marshals to protect our ports and waterways.”

More than \$900 million is allocated for

science and industry projects, “including a major effort to anticipate and counter the use of biological weapons,” the president pointed out. The bill also provides more than \$800 million to assess potential vulnerability across the nation’s critical infrastructures. And, if vulnerabilities are discovered, “we’ll take action to protect them,” the president declared.

Bush said the U.S. armed forces and other agencies continue to take actions abroad to confront terrorism wherever it may be. And, “we’ve been charged to protect our homeland, as well,” he said, noting that the bill he signed is “a major step forward” in that ongoing effort.



CROC '03 - Australian for training

Cpl. Ashley Roach

Australian Gunner Brendan Pronk leaps into his firing pit at a 16th Air Defence detachment site in Shoalwater Bay Training Area, Australia, during Exercise Crocodile 2003. Exercise Crocodile 2003 is the major training activity for the Australian Defence Force for the year involving more than 6,500 Australian Defence Force personnel and approximately 2,600 U.S. Pacific Command personnel from the Navy and Marine Corps Forces. For more about Crocodile 2003, see page A-3.

Hawaii receives \$433.1 million Appropriations Defense Bill

Office of U.S. Senator

Daniel K. Inouye

Press Release

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye announced today that \$433.1 million in defense-related initiatives for Hawaii, including the establishment of a Stryker Brigade at Schofield Barracks, has been approved by Congress. This bill will now be sent to the White House for the President’s signature.

When combined with the Military Construction total of \$330.5 million, the total defense-related spending for Hawaii will be \$763.6 million.

The Hawaii programs are part of the \$369 billion Department of Defense Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2004, which cleared its final congressional hurdle today when the Senate passed the measure by a vote of 95 to 0. The House gave its nod to the bill yesterday.

“This legislation will bring one of the Army’s new, quick-hitting Stryker Brigades to Schofield Barracks by specifically allocating \$17.5 million,” Sen. Inouye said. “It also provides the financing for the continuing research in Hawaii to develop the

innovative technology and weaponry that are important to the defense of our nation.”

Senator Inouye, a senior member of the Senate Appropriations Committee and the ranking member of the panel’s Defense Subcommittee that drafted the bill, said the measure is “a very good bill that resulted from bipartisan cooperation. It will ensure that our military’s needs are met.”

The Defense Appropriations Bill also includes the final allocation of \$18.43 million in the 10-year, \$400 million cleanup of Kahoolawe initiated under a bill authored by Senator Inouye.

“When the cleanup is completed, the people of Hawaii will again be able to use Kahoolawe for cultural and educational purposes,” he added.

From 1942 through 1990, Kahoolawe, which is only eight miles by 12 miles, was used as a military training range, and Navy gunfire and aircraft bombing target.

The funds will split between the many different government program and agencies in Hawaii, dependent on their needs and the needs of the government.

Navy makes waves with energy buoy

Don Rochon

Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific Division

You may have noticed more ocean activity than usual going on last week off the MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, runway.

On Sept. 22 and 23, the first phase of deployment for the Office of Naval Research’s Wave Energy Technology project began.

The WET project is a Navy research and development project that will convert the mechanical energy of ocean waves into electric-

ity. The electricity will then be placed back into the base’s electrical grid.

During last week’s evolution, a 40-ton anchor base and 60 tons of scrap chain were loaded onto a crane barge before being towed from Honolulu harbor to the project site, some 3,900 feet off the runway in 100 feet of water.

The 100 tons of weight will help anchor the PowerBuoyTM to the ocean floor, thereby making it less likely to move, even in strong storm conditions.

The PowerBuoyTM is a large

cylindrical buoy designed by Ocean Power Technologies, Inc., of New Jersey.

The buoy is 15 feet in diameter, approximately 40 feet in length, and will rest in place about 5-10 feet below the surface of the ocean. It bobs with the waves, and the up and down motion of it pushes hydraulic fluid in the buoy to a hydraulic motor, which turns a generator producing electricity. T

The PowerBuoyTM outputs on average about 20 kilowatts of elec-

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Grace Hew Len

The Huki Pau, Sea Engineering’s workboat, unspools over 4,000 feet of electrical/data cable from the Naval Facilities Engineering Service Center’s linear cable-laying engine.

MCBH News Briefs

SERVICE MEMBERS MUST BE AWARE WHEN ACCESSING LES
The following applies to both military and civilian employees.

Someone was recently was trying to download his Leave and Earning Statement. He was at the www.mypay.com Web site, and was entering his social security in the search bar to retrieve his LES.

The problem is that www.mypay.com is not the official Defense Finance and Accounting Service Web site. It is set up to resemble the official site, with terms like “LES” and “DFAS” listed on the left side as “Recent Searches.” However, when you click on the loan link, you are taken to a payday loan vendor and giving them your personal information.

The official website is <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.asp>.

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY MEETING SCHEDULED MONDAY

The MCB Hawaii Motorcycle Safety Association will be holding a meeting Monday at 3 p.m. at the base theater. All motorcycle owners aboard MCB Hawaii are encouraged to attend.

Topics will include introduction of the association’s new leadership and the Toys-for -Tots Ride in December.

NMCI HOSTS CONFERENCE STARTING WEDNESDAY

There will be a USMC Navy/Marine Corps Intranet Enterprise Transition Conference to present the latest Headquarters Marine Corps policy and guidance to support a successful NMCI transition on Wednesday - Thursday.

The conference will be held at the base theater on MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, and provide current transition schedule and execution information for our respective site, technical updates and host Q&As.

Wednesday there will be a non-technical brief geared towards a general audience and Thursday will be the technical brief geared toward technical personnel; however, all users both general and technical are invited to attend both days.

For more, contact the NMCI Transition Office 257-5557.

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IN THE CG’s MAIL BOX



BRIG. GEN.
MCABEE

I would like to say something that happened today with my brother and my dad.

My brother is 9 years old and he likes to play golf. My brother Rudy Cabalar Jr. was looking forward to playing golf at the Klipper Golf Course this Monday (Labor Day), but he couldn’t play because of your policy.

This is what happened. My dad checked in for his tee time with my brother. The cashier told my dad that he couldn’t play since he is only 9. Then he also told my dad, that my brother has to pay the full price of \$16, same as my dad.

My dad asked for a junior golf price, but they wouldn’t give it because of your policy. Your policy says that you don’t have any junior golf price on your golf course.

My brother has played on every military golf course in Hawaii except for Klipper Golf Course. Every golf course that they go to, the cashier only charges my brother half price. My brother also played at the Waikele Junior Golf Tournament.

The cashier told my dad, in order to pay half price, my brother has to enter your junior golf program. I think my brother is being price discriminated.

My dad also talked to the manager and he told my dad that have to go by your policy.

My dad is an active member of the U.S. Navy, who has been in the military for 17 years.

I would understand if my brother was a civilian, but he is a military dependent. My dad served this country like everyone else and we have the right to all benefits.

I don’t know if we are the only ones who have been turned away

by your policy, but someone has to do something about it, for the sake of everyone.

My dad told me what happened and I think that it’s not fair for my brother, his friends and everybody else who has been turned away because of age or the junior golf program.

Oh, I forgot to tell you that my brother has already been in a junior golf program in Barbers Point and qualified in an Oahu Junior Golf Tournament.

This is just my report, and I just wanted you to hear what is going on in the quality of life in Kaneohe Bay. I will be sending this to Hawaii Military News for my report.

Thank you very much. I hope this will change your policy.

P.S.: Someday my brother will be the best Hawaiian island golfer. That’s what my dad says, because he has the talent.

Very Respectfully,
Rhea Cabalar

Dear Ms. Cabalar,

The commanding general asked me to respond to your letter of Sept. 1, since your concerns fall within my area of responsibility. The commanding general appreciates that you took the time to participate in the “CG Mail” program.

Our golf staff correctly advised your father about the age requirement for playing golf at the Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course.

Unless certain prerequisites have been met, our regulations require all golfers be at least 10 years of age before they are able to play.

Junior golfers between 8 and 10 years of age — who have completed a junior golf program, demonstrate knowledge of the game, and who are closely supervised by a parent during the round of golf — are allowed to play at the Klipper Golf Course. In your brother’s case, he should have been granted an exception because he completed the junior golf program aboard the Barber’s Point Golf Course, possesses knowledge of the game and was to be accompanied by your father during the round of golf.

You indicate in your letter that your brother was charged the same rate as your father. Until recently, junior golfers were charged the same rate as their parent(s); however, junior golfers will now be charged a flat rate of \$10 for 18 holes.

Our junior golf program promotes golf as a wholesome, lifelong sport. The Klipper Junior Golf Program provides three levels of golf instruction tailored to meet the needs of all skill levels. More than 50 junior golfers participate in our junior golf program each year.

Mr. Todd Murata, our general manager and PGA professional, welcomes the opportunity to assist your brother, as well as others who are interested in golf. He can be contacted at 254-2107.

Again, thank you for participating in the CG mail program and for bringing your concerns to our attention. We wish your brother great success as he progresses in the development of his golf game.

Mr. William B. Lindsey
Assistant Chief of Staff
Marine Corps
Community Services

(Editor’s Note: Letters of any length may be trimmed and edited in the interest of good taste and brevity.)
The commanding general invites input from the base community via C.G. Mail on the following topics: What are we doing that we shouldn’t be doing? What are we not doing that we should be doing? What are we doing that we should be doing better at?
Responses should include a recommendation that will help solve the problem and must include your name and return address so that staff may respond.
For more information about how to send C.G. Mail, see the MCB Hawaii C.G. Mail page at www.mcbh.usmc.mil/command/cgmail.htm.

DLC trains ‘21st century warriors’

Sgt. Joseph A. Lee
Press Chief

Marines, family members and civil employees on MCB Hawaii can use the Computer Resource Center to accomplish additional distance learning training, improve technical skills or accomplish off-duty word processing in the Distance Learning Center.

The Distance Learning Center program provides Marines, civil servants and military family members with free training and testing in its self-paced, multimedia learning environment.

According to Adam Wazzan, senior network analyst at the DLC, the DLC offers Marine Corps Institute courses online, information technology training, and business and management courses free of cost to all users.

More than 145 courses in computers and information technology courseware ranging the entire spectrum from personal computer fundamentals to advanced IT networking, system architecture and programming languages are available for all users.

Courses such as Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, IT & general

computer skills, Windows, Java, Linux, Oracle, Networking, Internet security and Cisco are available, just to name a few.

Using 40 personal computers, each boasting Pentium four processors with more than 1.8 gigahertz processors, the DLC offers 300-plus e-learning courses specifically designed to provide units and organizations critical business skills that aid in developing a more dynamic and competitive workforce in a cost-effective manner. Many courses have been approved for both college and continuing education credit.

Courses such as management, leadership, business writing, negotiation and influencing, customer service, project management and business law are available at the center. A complete list of courses available can be attained at the DLC.

According to Wazzan, courses through MarineNet can help Marines accomplish MCIs at their own pace.

“MarineNet is the Marine Corps network that delivers online computer-based training and testing such as Marine Corps Institute courses,” said Wazzan. “Successful completion of an online MCI exam is posted to the Marine’s Marine Corps Total Force

System record within 24 hours. You can even launch a course in one session or in many sessions and work at your own pace.

“I’ve seen Marines come in and knock out an MCI in less than five minutes using the system here,” he explained.

Even though the center offers a seemingly endless supply of free courses, attendance has been low since the opening of the center.

“Attendance at the DLC seems low because the Marines on base may not know what this training center has to offer,” said Wazzan. “I hope that our efforts will increase the usage of the computer lab to better educate the ‘21st century warrior.’”

“Our strategy is to post four to five banners in high traffic areas, create four posters per the 10 commands, distribute 1,000 flyers and inform the new personnel during the New Arrivals Brief.”

Located in Bldg. 221, Room #108, across from the Sports Medicine and Reconditioning Center, the DLC’s hours of operation are Mondays – Fridays, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Or you can visit the center online at www.tecom.usmc.mil/dlc or call 257-8724.

Marine recon offers immediate action



Lance Cpl. James P Douglas

Marines from Bravo Co., 3rd Reconnaissance Bn., 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade, simulate a contact front assault during a live-fire exercise on Range 2, Shoalwater Bay, Queensland, Australia, Sept. 20, during Crocodile 2003.

Cpl. M. Stew Allen
3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade

CAMP SAMUEL HILL, QUEENSLAND, Australia — The mission of a reconnaissance Marine is to shape the battlefield by gathering intelligence behind enemy lines undetected.

But in combat, enemy contact may be unavoidable. If they are to prevail and continue with the mission, then they must prepare for any possibility that may arise throughout a patrol.

Ten Marines and Sailors of Deep Reconnaissance Platoon, Co. B, 3rd Reconnaissance Bn., 3rd Marine Division, conducted Immediate Action drills, using 17,000 rounds Sept. 19 - 20 while participating in exercise Crocodile 2003.

CROC '03 is an Australian-led, United States-supported air, land, maritime and amphibious operations exercise design to refine and strengthen U.S./Australian capabilities to plan and execute future combined operations.

An immediate action drill is designed to regain a strong fighting position as quickly as possible

after being compromised by the enemy while on patrol.

"In any mission, at any time, something could go wrong, and a perfect plan could deteriorate real fast," said Cpl. Matthew P. Martin, pointman, DRP.

The immediate action drills could be in response to chance enemy contact, sniper fire or an ambush.

"Anything we could encounter during a patrol, we train for," said Sgt. John S. Mosser, team leader, DRP.

Once the patrol has been compromised, the recon Marines will provide an onslaught of cover fire while one Marine strategically places a Claymore anti-personnel mine.

"You got to hit them hard, hit them fast, keep their heads low, and get out," Martin explained.

Following the Claymore's detonation, the team is split into two elements. One element drops back while the other continues to weaken the enemy's confidence with constant barrage of fire. Both elements take turns providing supporting fire and falling back — until either the entire team can

break away from the enemy or until they can set up an ambush.

With small four to six-man teams, every man plays a key role in the completion of the mission, according to Martin, and if everyman is to survive an attack, the drills have to be second nature to the Marines.

"It's not delayed action drills or lets-think-about-it drills; it's immediate action drills," Mosser said.

The success of the team is attributed to hard training and teamwork, according to Mosser.

"When you only have six guys and they're self-sustained, teamwork is extremely important," Mosser said. "Whether retaliating against enemy contact or conducting your general mission, teamwork is crucial. It's the base of our operating procedures."

Operating far past friendly lines is one more reason to be critical of training.

"We're usually too far for artillery support, so we have to be proficient with our gun fighting to survive in the forward shadow behind enemy lines," Mosser said.

Combat support team builds a better CROC 2003

Cpl. M. Stew Allen
3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade

CAMP SAMUEL HILL, QUEENSLAND, Australia — Approximately 2,600 Marines and Sailors are not only accomplishing their mission during exercise Crocodile 2003, but they're doing it a little more comfortably thanks to the efforts of Combat Service Support Detachment 35 and Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 40.

These two support units for CROC '03 have a wide spectrum of responsibility, ranging from purifying water to building out-houses, from generating electricity to pumping fuel.

Crocodile '03 is an Australian-led, United States-supported air, land, maritime and amphibious operations exercise designed to refine and strengthen U.S./Australian capabilities to plan and execute future combined operations.

Lance Cpl. Carey D. Johnson, water purification specialist, CSSD-35, Brigade Service Support Group 3, 3rd Marine Expeditionary Brigade, said it's not hard to acknowledge the importance of his job — turning lake-water into clean drinking water.

"It's been rewarding to know I have such a huge responsibility, and I have to continuously keep that in mind," he said. "Everybody needs water and we're here to provide it."

Keeping the troops hydrated is not the



Pfc. Jodie Richter

Above — A Marine Cobra helicopter lands at Sam Hill Airfield, Shoalwater Bay, in Australia, under the observation of an emergency service crew positioned in the center of the airfield.

Right — Marines reassemble Iroquoui helicopters after arriving from Japan on a C-130.

only responsibility handled by the 41-man engineer detachment of CSSD-35. The detachment also provides laundry service, electricity and fuel throughout the camps here.

"These Marines are working extremely hard, sometimes sleeping only two - three hours a night," said 1st Lt. Nuno M. Pires, engineer detachment officer in charge, CSSD-35, BSSG-3, 3rd MEB. "This is probably the hardest working

group of young men I've ever seen."

The Sailors of NMCB-40 have also made their contributions to the exercise. The Seabees, alongside Marine combat engineers, have built eight out-houses, multiple target frames for live-fire infantry training, and more than 70 wooden decks acting as flooring for field tents.

Peris feels teamwork is necessary in the success of a mission.



Lance Cpl. Neil Ruski

"More and more [the military] is heading towards joint operations," he said. "Back home, we have more resources, but out here, with limited assets, we have to work together to succeed. I've been very impressed with the quality of work the Seabees have been doing."

CROC '03 is the first deployment Johnson has participated in, and he said he has enjoyed working through the small obstacles that occur during a deployment.

"I love the experience of hitting a snag and then being able to handle it," he said.

Word on the Street

"How do you spend time with your family here in Hawaii?"



"We go kayaking, we barbecue in the back yard, and we visit the Hale Koa pool."
Bob Rodgers
Retired Marine



"We go to Waikiki and the water parks, as well as most of the base football games. They are fun to watch."
Ashley Brown
11th grader,
Kalaheo High School



"We go swimming at Pyramid Rock Beach, and sometimes we go out to a new movie."
Pfc. Timothy S. Webb
Motor vehicle operator,
3rd Radio Bn.



"We like to go to the beach and hike the trails to some of the local waterfalls."
Lt. Jon Hager
P-3 pilot,
Commander Patrol &
Reconnaissance Force
Pacific



"We have visited the Dole Plantations, and enjoy traveling around to see many of the different cultural sites."
Staff Sgt. Kazimierz Bochniak
Physical security chief
Provost Marshals Office

Base chapel gives hope, helps stop hunger

Volunteers from MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, help Honolulu shelter

Sgt. Joseph A. Lee
Press Chief

Eighteen volunteers from the MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, church community helped out the Honolulu community by bringing food and serving displaced members of the city at the Institute of Human Services, women’s shelter Sept. 19.

Josh Kimble, a religious program specialist with the base chapel, assembled the group of volunteers to visit IHS for



Sgt. Joseph A. Lee

Petty Officer 2nd Class Joseph Bender generously volunteers his time to serve food that was donated to the Institute of Human Services’ women’s shelter.

the second time in the past month.

“The first time we did this, we visited the male shelter, where we were able to cook food in their kitchen to serve over 300 homeless men,” said Kimble. “This time, at the women’s facility, there was no kitchen, so we had to bring the food with us.”

Staff Sgt. Raul Pina, a food preparation specialist with the Anderson Hall dining facility, had the assistance of three of his Marines to help prepare the meal for the hungry citizens.

“Food is one thing that everyone has the right to enjoy, and being a chef, I personally feel blessed when I am able to provide food to the people who need it most, and the people who will definitely enjoy a good meal,” said Pina.

A hearty meal of roasted chicken, mashed potatoes, fresh fruit and vegetables, and bread was on the menu, including some candy for some of the children at the shelter with their mothers.

“Most of the meals we provide here at the shelter are made at the men’s facility up the street, and the food we are able to provide is definitely not this fulfilling,” said Kawika Tachibann, IHS operations assistant. “This is definitely something special for all of these people.”

One Sailor, who heard about the volunteer service, was quick to provide her services by attending the trip.

“Helping these people makes me feel good, and lucky for all I have been blessed with in life,” said Petty Officer 2nd Class Andrea Wichern, an aviation administrator with Patrol Squadron 51. “This is my first time helping out with the church, but I am going to make it a point to help volunteer with them at



Sgt. Joseph A. Lee

Staff Sgt. Raul Pina, food preparation specialist at Anderson Hall dining facility, hands keiki some candy for dessert. This was the second time Pina had volunteered his time and efforts to help out at the Institute of Human Services.

least once per month, because it makes me feel so good.”

Petty Officer 2nd Class Ricky Mosquera, an air traffic controller for the Marine Air Facility here, went with the church group to give his life a change by helping change the lives of others.

“Well, I got an e-mail from a friend who always volunteers for this kind of thing, and I thought that my regular weekend activities could be put on hold to help some people less fortunate than me,” said Mosquera. “I’m lucky I even have that option or choice to decide what I’m going to do with my weekend. These people we are assisting don’t have that option right now, if they want to eat, this is where they have to come.

“How could I not give a few hours of my time?”

The base chapel is planning to make trips to IHS once per month, and also has

other ways people on base can volunteer their time to help out the less fortunate.

“We are always looking for extra toiletries like soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, and that sort of thing, to bring with us when we come down here,” said Saundra Blanchard, a family member. “If we had more volunteers, or if we could tap even a fraction of the manpower available here on base, we could do so much more for the community.

“The Marines and Sailors that do come down here to help out really do care about the well-being of the dislocated citizens, and they definitely appreciate the support from the military.”

To volunteer your time with the base chapel, or to get your e-mail address on a contact list, contact Josh Kimble at the base chapel at 257-3552. The chapel is open for donations from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Red Lions lead pack at MCAS Iwakuni

HMH-363 completes UDP and heads back to MCB Hawaii

Cpl. Robert W. Wynkoop
MCAS Iwakuni

MCAS IWAKUNI, Japan — Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363 is packing up and moving out after more than six months of participating in the Unit Deployment Program here.

The Red Lions are heading back to Hawaii, according to Capt. Jade Steward-Campbell, quality assurance officer, HMH-363.

For half a year, this Sea Stallion squadron has participated in numerous Pacific Theater operations and training missions, as well as earned many acco-

lades on the station as well.

“We have a climate of success around here,” Campbell explained. “It’s an attitude we bring with us.”

One of their biggest accomplishments was a 6,000-mile flight to Thailand. The “J-hook,” as the pilots call it, is a five-stop flight path shaped like a hook leading to Thailand. “Lucky Red,” according to Steward-Campbell, was the first squadron to make the flight without any maintenance delays. This is a difficult task because there is minimal air crew support, he said.

“The pressure was on for the younger guys to step up to the plate.”

The squadron received only two

weeks to prepare for its flight, said Staff Sgt. Jeremy Jensen, crew chief, HMH-363. His Marines, mostly new to deployments, performed with great professionalism during this UDP, he said.

“We try to keep on the road and get some good training for these [Marines].” Jensen said.

Jensen, a veteran of three ship deployments from the east coast, said most of his Marines haven’t seen anything besides Hawaii.

Getting “on the road” is a tougher task than one might think, according to Jensen. The Sea Stallions they’ve been flying are not their own. These helicopters stay in Iwakuni and are used by



squadrons for the UDP.

“The real praise goes to our maintenance effort,” Steward-Campbell said pointing out that his squadron once again made it into the history books. This time it was the first UDP squadron to pass the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing inspection.

Inspection teams checked the condition of the aircraft, tools and maintenance records for both aircraft, and mechanics.

Anything goes in an inspection like this one, Steward-Campbell said.

Strong leadership from staff noncommissioned officers are keys to a winning team, Steward-Campbell added.

“They breed success into our Marines. We’ve been successful for so long, we don’t expect anything less,” Steward-

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EVERY CLIME & PLACE=====

Deadline for issuance of new I.D. cards hits



Cpl. Daniel Thomas

The deadline for all active military, government employees and eligible contractors to get the CAC was Wednesday.

(Editor’s Note: The Pass and I.D. Office is located in Bldg. 216 aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. Its hours of operation are from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday. For more information about I.D. cards, call 257-8860.)

Cpl. Daniel Thomas
MCAS Yuma, Ariz.

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION YUMA, Ariz. — The deadline for all active duty military, government employees and eligible contractors to get the new military identification card, known as the Common Access Card, was Wednesday.

Military and Department of Defense civilian employees who do not have CACs should take their current government issued IDs to the Pass and ID Office as soon as possible.

Department of Defense civilians and eligible contractors who have never been issued a government ID must bring valid identification and a completed Defense Department

Form 1172-2 signed by a designated official.

“It would also help if individuals already had a [personal identification] number in mind,” said Louise Bussell, personnel ID assistant, MCB Quantico, Va.

Bussell explained that the government is issuing the CAC throughout the DoD in an effort to implement secure methods of transmitting information electronically. She said the personal identification number and the CAC will be required to send e-mails and log onto secure networks and Web sites in the future.

Besides the PIN, the CAC boasts an array of technical advancements. The credit card-sized I.D. contains an integrated circuit chip, a magnetic strip, bar code and photo I.D.

Embedded inside the circuit chip are three digital certificates: an e-mail signing certificate, an identity certificate and an e-mail encryption certificate.

The e-mail signing certificate will be used to digitally sign

e-mails, while the e-mail encryption certificate will be used to encrypt and decrypt e-mails. The identity certificate will also be used to digitally sign documents and log onto secure networks.

“In the future, the magnetic strip will possibly be used for entrance on to the flightline [for authorized personnel],” said Bussell. “It is a universal card, and so the services have to decide on what they want to use it for. I’ve heard some chow halls use it, and there’s talk about turning it into a bank card.”

Bussell said this was speculation, but the card definitely has the capabilities. For the time being, she said the main concern of the DoD is to get the card issued to everyone.

Although the card is a significant improvement over the former green I.D., Bussell said there is one drawback to issuance of the card.

“If the system is up and running, it takes only about 15 minutes to issue the CAC,” said Bussell. “But if the system is down, it could take up to an hour and a half.”

MCB Quantico serves as test site for Corps’ AT guide

Cpl. B. A. Neglia
MCB Quantico, Va.

MCB QUANTICO, Va. — On the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, MCB Quantico as well as all Department of Defense facilities activated their force protection plans in response to the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Within days the United States Congress gave emergency funding to the Department of Defense to fight terrorism.

From this funding, the Joint Antiterrorism/Force Protection program was established to produce an Antiterrorism Program Manager’s Guide that will help standardize force protection across the military.

As part of the program, each service selected a site for the guide to be tested.

Marine Corps Base Quantico was nominated by Headquarters Marine Corps to participate in the program. Captain Heather March stated that Quantico was selected as a test site “due to our well developed plan.”

March went on to further say that Quantico has been following all of the relevant Marine Corps Orders.

While everyone’s first thought may be how this test is going to interfere in life around the base, people need not worry about the inconveniences.

March said that the test is only done at the planning level. The average Marine will not know the test is going on, and in the long term, if there is an impact from the testing, it will only improve everyone’s safety here.

The Antiterrorism Program Manager’s Guide is computer driven. The test will help determine the threat to

the base and appropriate actions that need to be taken by MCB Quantico.

The guideline breaks down the threat to Quantico into three categories. The first category is the area surrounding Quantico, including local communities, universities and other areas of interest. The threat from this area is largely determined by intelligence from outside agencies. The second category is the base itself, which deals with the base’s overall vulnerability.

The third category deals with specific threats to individual facilities aboard Quantico. Each facility’s vulnerabilities are determined, and ideas for actions are given.

Using the guideline will require the surveilling of MCB Quantico and its facilities by satellites and other equipment. One of the tools within the program allows the commander to deter-

mine what kind of damage could occur if there was an explosion aboard MCB Quantico.

According to Mike King, senior program analyst, this tool was in use prior to Sept. 11, 2001, and it “helped identify weaknesses in the Pentagon that led to reinforcing the glass.” The reinforced glass is credited with saving many lives when the Pentagon was hit.

The Antiterrorism Program Manager’s Guide will assist the commander of an installation and his or her staff in developing a comprehensive antiterrorism program that will include a planning process, a database on training, generic exercises and a review process.

When the testing is done here, MCB Quantico will have helped add a major tool to every base and installation’s force protection abilities.

Marine snipers find new best friend

Pfc. Khang T. Tran
MCB Camp Pendleton



Gunnery Sgt. Matt Hevezi

The M-40A3 is the new precision fire weapon used by Marine Corps snipers.

Bier added.

According to Bier, the M-40A3 was tested in 1996 and was finally issued as an official Marine Corps weapon in 2000. During the rifle testing, surveys showed shooters enjoyed greater accuracy and increased comfort.

As with the M-40A1, the M-40A3 is a bolt-action, manually operated, magazine-fed, air-cooled, shoulder-fired weapon with an optical scope.

However, the M-40A3 has an adjustable cheek piece and recoil pad on the butt stock, giving the shooter the chance to position the weapon more comfortably.

It's designed to shoot beyond 1,000 yards, according to Lance Cpl. Gunther Johnston, an armorer with 1st Recon Bn.

It uses special rounds — the M118LR, chambered in 7.62mm. The M-40A3 also uses the rail system, allowing snipers to change out a fixed 10-power scope for an ANPVS-10 night scope.

“Unlike the M-40A1, the M-40A3 has a mount rail like the M-4, which allows you to attach different units to it,” said Sgt. Steven D. Lovell, team leader with 1st Recon Bn.’s Bravo Company. “It’s great for patrolling urban areas as well.”

The day scope allows a sniper to see up to 800 meters; the night scope allows 600 meters.

The rifle is built on a fiberglass stock with a stainless steel barrel, a steel floor plate and trigger-guard assembly. The magazine box holds five rounds.

Additional enhancements include six

quick-detach, sling swivel mounts and a removable, swivel bipod.

“The M-40A1 has helped out the Corps for a long time, but I’m glad we finally improved it,” Johnston said.

Still, the new rifle comes with some drawbacks. For one, it’s heavier. The new rifle outweighs the old by two pounds.

Some shooters still like the old rifle.

“I’d rather shoot the M-40A1,” said Sgt. Andrew C. Giemann, a reconnaissance and surveillance instructor with I Marine Expeditionary Force. “It’s lighter than the M-40A3, making it much easier to maneuver.”

“The M-40A3 is more of a defense weapon,” said Staff Sgt. Van Seelay, chief reconnaissance and surveillance instructor with I MEF. “It’s basically a bench-rest weapon, and the M-40A1 is an offensive weapon since it’s easier to employ.”

The increased weight still hasn’t hampered the rifle’s performance. Johnston said most snipers prefer the M-40A3 because of the upgraded comfort.

“The new stock is very easy on the shoulder when firing, and the adjustable cheek piece is good too,” Seelay added.

Giemann, too, said there are things to like about the rifle. Despite loving the rifle with which he learned his trade, he’s warming up to the new weapon.

“I like the fact that the M-40A3 has a bipod,” Giemann said. “It’s much more stable while firing.”

Heritage Center brings Marine Corps’ story to life

Col. Joe Long
U.S. Marine Corps Reserves

MCB QUANTICO, Va. — All combat Marines have stories they could tell, and most of those stories have the common theme of performing the mission while being gripped by fear.

Landing in a hot LZ is one of those tension-filled episodes that will be recreated in the Vietnam-era gallery of the National Museum of the Marine Corps that is being built here.

Visitors will walk down the tail ramp of a CH-46. As they leave the helicopter, they will

feel prop wash from above, then they will see the sights, hear the sounds and perhaps even smell some of the odors found atop Hill 881 South during the Battle of Khe Sanh.

Four of these “immersion experiences” are planned. Belleau Wood, Iwo Jima and Toktong Pass (Korea) are the other three. But that’s just one presentation method among many that visitors will encounter in this world-class museum facility.

A Marine Corps Heritage Center

The National Museum of the

Marine Corps is the first building that will be constructed as part of a campus of facilities called the “Marine Corps Heritage Center.”

When the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation first presented the idea to then-Commandant Gen. Charles C. Krulak, he responded with enthusiasm. In a letter of support, he wrote that the Heritage Center should be “a multiple-use complex of buildings and outdoor facilities devoted to the presentation of Marine Corps history, professional military educational opportunities, and unique military events — the

showcase of our Marine heritage.”

When Gen. James L. Jones Jr. became commandant in 2000, he also embraced the Marine Corps Heritage Center project, declaring, “The American people can come view the history of our nation through the eyes of Marines — a place where the Corps’ organizations and associations can meet — the glorious history of the Marine Corps can be researched and recorded.”

Our new Commandant, Gen. Michael W. Hagee, is already on record as strongly supportive. He believes, “Creation of the

new Marine Corps Heritage Center, with the inspiring National Museum of the Marine Corps as its centerpiece, turns the dreams of thousands of Marine veterans and patriotic Americans into reality. This magnificent place represents our heritage and timeless esprit de corps, and finally allows us to tell our story as we would have it told.”

Eventual plans call for the Heritage Center to include, in addition to the museum, artifact restoration and storage facilities, History and Museums

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Cpl. Theresa E. Seng

Master Sgt. Isaac T. Black, Marine Wing Support Squadron 373 first sergeant, reenlisted in a CH-46E Sea Knight in April, with permission from Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 162.

2004 reenlistment options around the Marine Corps

Pfc. Bernadette L. Ainsworth
Marine Forces Pacific

CAMP H. M. SMITH — Reenlistments are a special time for Marines, especially if it is their first time to do so. The choice to reenlist and where are to do the ceremony is up to the individual Marine.

There are many places the service member can reenlist.

“The place has to be within the Marine Corps’ budget and it can’t be off limits,” said Staff Sgt. Ben Dillon, career planner here.

Some of the more popular places to reenlist are on the USS Missouri, at the Arizona Memorial, and at the top of the Stairway to Heaven.

“I had one Marine request to reenlist at Iwo Jima, but it wasn’t within the budget to do that,” said Dillon.

Along with the popular places to reenlist, there are also many unusual places Marines choose to reenlist.

“I’ve had Marines reenlist on top of a five-ton, at the top of Mt. Fuji and on the 18th green of a golf course,” said Dillon.

Some Marines choose to reenlist at places filled with history such as the Arizona Memorial. Others take on a more rugged approach when swearing

to “defend against all enemies, foreign and domestic.”

“One of my reenlistments was at the end of a 25-mile night hump,” said Gunnery Sgt. Darryl Atkins, S-3 chief at Headquarters and Service Bn., MarForPac. “The whole battalion, about 800 people, was there. No one could drop their packs until it was completely finished. It was motivating, probably because I’m a grunt.”

The USS Missouri is a very popular place for reenlistments.

“It symbolizes the end of World War II. I found it to be a great opportunity. It’s a great American symbol, and I wanted it to be a part of my career,” said Sgt. Josh Rule, vehicle transportation coordinator at Marine Forces Pacific.

These are not the only places Hawaii Marines have reenlisted. Some have also reenlisted at the Pacific War Memorial at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, the Punchbowl, several locations in Waikiki, Diamond Head and at the Hale Koa Bar.

“Marines choose these places because they’re something special that only happens once every four years,” said Dillon. “It’s a special commitment, and they want the ceremony at a place that means something to them.”

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Campbell explained.

In addition, the Red Lions received the Chief of Naval Operations safety award and were nominated for the Secretary of Defense Maintenance Award for the small unit category.

As a whole, the squadron performed with flying colors, but Jensen also proudly described the individual work his Marines performed.

Several work sections, to include the squadron’s air framers, competed against other station Marines for meritorious promotions.

In between training operations in Osan, Okinawa and Thailand, several “Lucky Red” Marines earned another stripe by showing their abilities on promotion boards.

With all the activity buzzing around

their hangar, HMH-363 pilots and crew members did have a chance to experience Japan on their well-deserved liberty.

A typhoon prevented their planned trip to conquer Mount Fuji, but it didn’t stop them from “seeing the sites,” Jensen explained, noting several of his Marines have taken up the challenge to learn Japanese.

“You’ll see a few of them toting around a handful of books and CDs, trying to learn as much as possible during their time here.”

According to Steward-Campbell, the squadron sent an advance party back to Hawaii to get things ready for their much-anticipated return home, Steward-Campbell said.

The Red Lions were scheduled to board the “Freedom Bird,” Wednesday and head home to Hawaii.

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Division offices, a research facility, parade grounds, a memorial park and chapel, a large auditorium, an office building for fraternal organizations, and a hotel and conference center.

A Public-Private Venture

The National Museum of the Marine Corps is a team effort between the Marine Corps and the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation.

The Heritage Foundation is working to raise \$25 million for construction of the first phase of the museum. The building eventually will be donated to the Marine Corps, and the foundation will assist in its future operations by managing all the museum’s revenue centers such as the restaurant, gift shop and simulators. Profits from these activities will be used to support the Marine Corps historical program.

The Marine Corps is providing the land, paying for architectural and exhibit design and covering the cost of interpretive exhibits.

The Marine Corps’ History and Museums Division, under the direction of retired Col. John Ripley, is actively involved in the planning process and will be responsible for the overall operation of the Heritage Center.

The Heritage Center will be situated on 135 acres donated to Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., for this purpose by Prince William County.

The National Museum of the Marine Corps

A national architectural competition was conducted to ensure the finest, most creative firm available was selected. Fentress-Bradburn Architects of Denver, the company that designed the Denver International Airport, the Broncos’ football stadium, and museums, airports and other buildings around the world, was chosen.

The design features a 210-foot tilted spire, rising from a 17,000-square-foot circular space called the “Central Gallery.”

From near the top of the spire, a glass curtain will drop to the 40-foot-high wall of the Central Gallery, providing a stun-

ning atrium through which approaching visitors will see suspended aircraft. The design is inspired by Joe Rosenthal’s famous photograph of the flag raising on Iwo Jima, but it is reminiscent also of a howitzer firing at high angle, of an aircraft with nose up, a rifle at port arms and more.

Encircling the Central Gallery will be exhibit halls, the gift shop, a restaurant, a unique boot-camp experience, an orientation theater and, eventually, a display armory, a combat art preservation and display area and an IMAX theater.

A demographic study concluded that between a quarter-and half-million people a year, 70 percent of whom will have no previous connection to the Marine Corps, will visit.

For that majority, the museum will tell the Marine Corps’ story in an interesting and exciting way, while providing historical depth and accuracy for all visitors.

A Family Experience

The Heritage Center and the National Museum of the Marine Corps must be an experience for the whole family. At the same time, the Marine Corps’ history is one of not infrequent violence, and to omit that element would be a disservice to those who participated. Particularly graphic displays will be camouflaged for the young.

Home-front displays will be in each era gallery, allowing visitors to learn or be reminded of the domestic context of each period. A supervised children’s “obstacle course” is planned for outdoors to allow the little ones to burn off some energy. Hiking trails around the site will be available for family walks.

A careful look at the long history of the Corps reveals that United States Marines have always remained faithful to God, country and Corps, serving with honor, courage and full-time commitment. This reality will be graphically portrayed at the Marine Corps Heritage Center.

To make a tax-deductible contribution to the National Museum of the Marine Corps, contact the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation at P.O. Box 998, Quantico, Va., 22134, or call (703) 640-1002.

(Editor’s Note: Per the commanding general of MCB Hawaii, those convicted of DUIs or drug-related offenses shall be publicized in the Hawaii Marine newspaper.)

Congratulations MCB Hawaii!

The Provost Marshal’s Office reported no DUI incidents for the week of Sept. 22 - 28. Keep up the good work!

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Military takes zero-tolerance, testing approach to fight drugs

Nina Wu

Pacific Business News

Hawaii's crystal methamphetamine problem is taking its toll on businesses, the economy and the community.

The message in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines is clear: Get caught using illegal drugs and you're out.

Since mandatory drug testing programs went into effect about 20 years ago, military units laud their zero-tolerance policy as an effective way to keep drugs out of the service. Drug testing at boot camp and throughout the ranks is conducted throughout the year and is credited with keeping military members clean. But, would drug testing work in private business?

Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney Peter Carlisle, who supports drug testing programs in schools, thinks it's a good idea. As a matter of fact, he's even been looking into it for his own department.

"There are many who are deterred just by knowing there will be a test," Carlisle said. "The police department already has it in place. It's effective in the same way a well-publicized sobriety checkpoint can deter drunk drivers."

Though it may not be 100 percent foolproof, military services say that the number of those testing positive has gone down in the past few years, due to the strict requirements.

"With some employers, you're only tested once, but here, you're subject to being tested any time," said Lt. j.g. Mike Morley, spokesman for the Navy's Pacific Fleet. "This is something everyone is indoctrinated on, and they revisit it at several points throughout their career."

According to data from the Pacific Fleet's testing lab, the percentage of members who have tested positive has been below 1 percent since fiscal year 1998, and fell from 0.67 percent in 2001 to 0.53 percent in 2002. Current levels

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(from October 2002 to July 18) are at 0.39 percent. In the Marines' Pacific division, only 35 of 34,901 — or 0.10 percent — of random urine tests last year came up positive for drug use, according to spokesman Chuck Little.

“Ice” use has become more prevalent among those tested and caught in recent years, but still falls behind marijuana and cocaine. Little said the use of meth is often tied to marijuana, but that the number of drug offenders has declined dramatically among 17- to 25-year-old Marines since mandatory drug testing went into effect. "The average Marine is less likely to use meth than the average college student," Little said.

Besides the tests, drug-sniffing dogs make random checks of Marine barracks and vehicles.

All armed forces use a sophisticated software system that chooses members at random for urinalysis. That means a member can be tested without prior notice up to five or six times a year.

While the Army, Navy and Marines began drug testing in the early 1980s, the Air Force began testing in the late 1970s after many members returning from the Vietnam came home addicted to heroin. But drug testing wouldn't be as effective at driving the message home without prevention programs, according to Little.

"It's not just enforcement, it's prevention, which involves education programs," he said. "It's informing them of the consequences if they get caught. They need to understand that illegal use of drugs is incompatible with military service."

The Army offers the Army Substance Abuse Program for members and their families at all levels, including adolescent counseling and puppet shows for elementary schools in central Oahu. Both the Air Force and Marines refer those who test positive to their own counseling and treatment programs.

Andy Anderson, CEO of Hina Mauka Recovery

Center, says he considers the drug testing programs very effective.

"When they started testing, we saw a number of people who needed treatment get treatment," he said. When he served in the Navy, Anderson recalls there was pressure to be macho and show your ability to hold liquor. Now the armed services has turned 180 degrees, emphasizing a clean image.

But not all drug counselors agree with the hard-line approach. Harrison Peters, a counselor at Drug Addiction Services of Hawaii Inc. says kicking people out may keep the military clean, but those discharged face more stress and depression, which results in a cycle of more drug use.

"Is it with the intent of helping or getting rid of these people?" he said.

Brent White, legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii, said more mandatory drug testing of employees would be an invasion of privacy.

"Drug testing is highly invasive of an individual's privacy," White said. "A private company needs to assess what it has to gain. The focus should be on performance, and what someone does in his or her private life is their own business."

WAVES, From A-1

tricity, enough to power about seven-10 homes.

Before the PowerBuoyTM can be placed in the water , however, the anchor for it and the sub-sea cable that takes the electricity back to shore had to be installed.

On Sept. 23, the cable that provides both electricity and data for the buoy was placed on the ocean floor, from the shore to the buoy site.

“Sea Engineering, Inc., of Honolulu, did a remarkable job in placing the sub-sea cable on the floor of the ocean,” said Kendal Kam, on-scene project manager from the Naval Facilities Engineering Com-

mand, Pacific Division. “The engineering requirements to do something like this are particularly difficult.”

Offshore, onboard SEI’s 72-foot long workboat, Huki Pau, a linear cable engine from the Naval Facilities Engineering Service Center in Port Hueneme, Calif., spooled the sub-sea cable from shore to the buoy site.

Several divers were used to make sure the cable was not hung up during the placement.

Split pipe (two halves of a pipe bolted around the cable), was placed from the shore to beyond the wave break to ensure the cable did not suffer damage from any wave action rubbing it against the ocean floor.

On shore, SEI workers made sure the laying of the cable was going according to the comprehensive plan worked up well in advance of the deployment.

After the cable had been placed, its power and fiber optic components were tested for continuity. The total operation lasted from sunrise to sunset, and was a huge success.

The PowerBuoyTM is currently in the final phase of fabrication at Pacific Shipyards International in Honolulu, and is scheduled to be completed near the end of October.

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